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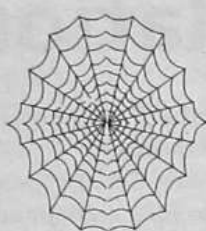
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Crispell blaze sparks policy change

CARRI TENNANT
campusbeat editor

It all started in a downstairs bedroom on July 12, 1996, with one candle and a few seconds' neglect. Flame enveloped the bed, burst the windows, and crept up the side of the house and roof.

By the time firefighters arrived on the scene, the smoke was so thick that they could not enter, and could do nothing to save Crispell cottage. But the results reach be-

yond the immediate. Students returning to Hope this year will find more than just the empty hole that once was Crispell—they will feel the effects of the blaze in the form of a beefed-up fire policy banning all candles from campus residences and strong warnings to take fire safety seriously.

The new rule is actually a change in the Housing Terms and Conditions, meaning that infractions will be handled administratively rather than judicially, as are policy infrac-

tions. Students receive a verbal warning from their RD on the first offense, a \$25 fine on the second, and a third will bring charges of failure to comply with a college official and a policy write-up.

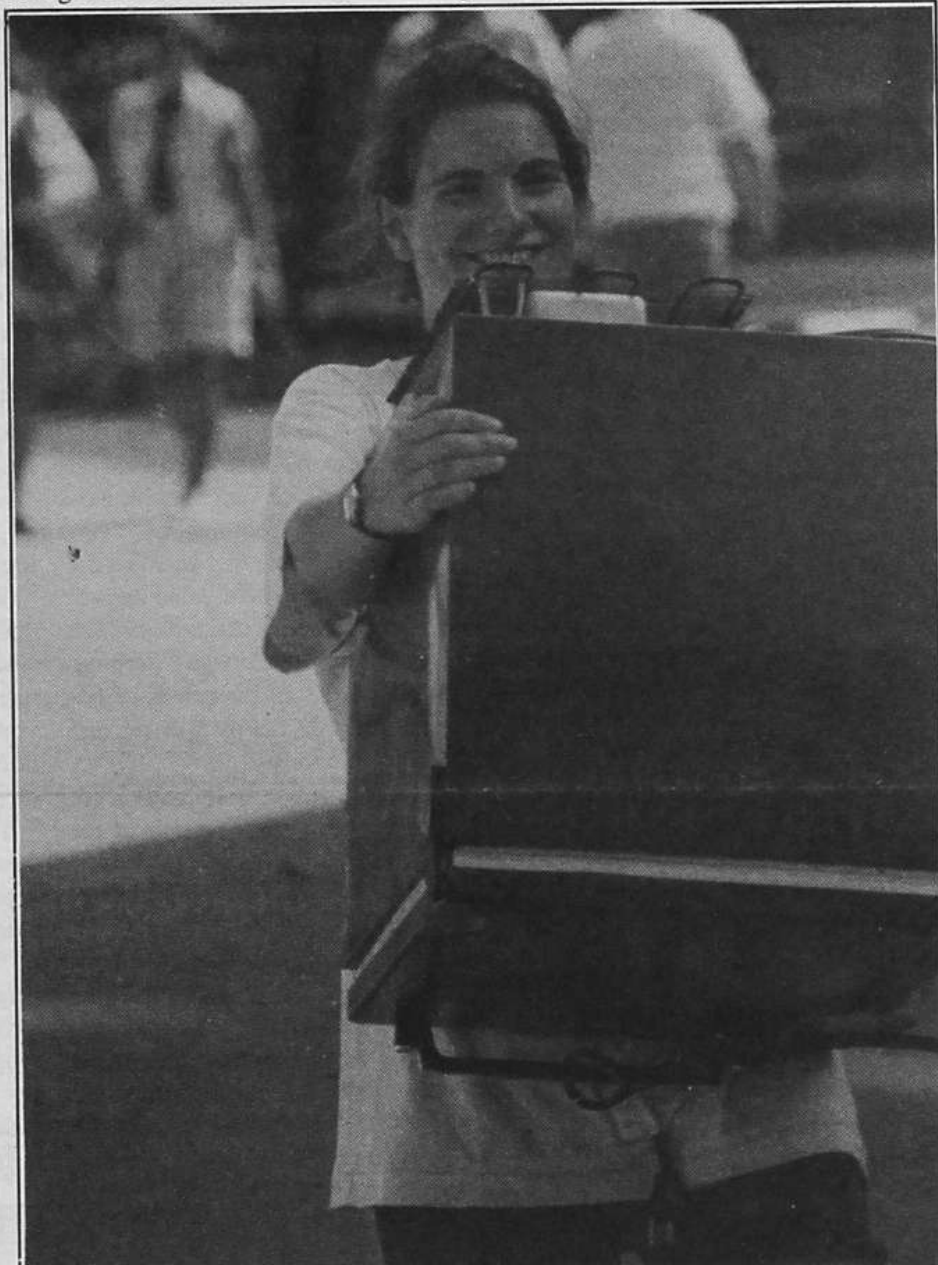
"Our hope is to increase fire safety," said Derek Emerson, Director of Housing and Judicial Affairs. "Actually, there are many colleges that don't allow candles, and were surprised that we did."

However, for some Hope students, the policy change has effects

that go beyond modified birthday celebrations. Some raise concerns about the future of such long-standing traditions as Nykerk and sorority candlelight ceremonies, or the Take Back the Night march.

"The administration and the policy is more concerned with overall safety than about us," said Kiersten Krause '97, Odd Year Nykerk Song Coach. "And that's more important. The Crispell fire was just tragic. We are a smaller

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Anchor photo by Zach Johnson

SERVICE WITH A SMILE: Debbie Paterik ('99) was one of over 100 Orientation Assistants, lending their muscle on move-in day.

Out in full force

► New Public Safety foot patrols meant to protect students, not 'catch them.'

CARRI TENNANT
campusbeat editor

As a result of a student survey conducted last spring, Public Safety has increased manpower and visibility for the '96-'97 school year.

According to that survey, the students' main concern and request was that Public Safety be more visible.

Departmental additions include two full-time officers and a West Campus shuttle van pickup every half-hour during regular Shuttle Van hours.

"I would challenge anyone to find another college this size that has a bigger or better Public Safety Department," said Duane Terpstra, Director of Public Safety.

"We found out in our survey that students wanted to get to know who we are," Terpstra said. To fulfill that goal, the daytime patrol officer will now be walking through campus buildings on a regular basis.

"At first, people think that something is wrong, that we're trying to catch them. It isn't anything like that," Terpstra said. "One of the ways to find out what students want is by talking to people, by developing those kind of relationships."

Terpstra also plans on giving presentations to groups in cottages or residence halls to promote safety awareness, give basic safety tips, or address any concerns residents may have.

"Incidents and situations get exaggerated something fierce in a short period of time, and I want to give students the correct information," Terpstra said. For example, he cited some students' panic of Holland gang activity.

"Some people think there are gangs on every street corner, and that's just not true. We've never dealt with a gang problem on campus at all," he said.

However, Terpstra also emphasized that one of the duties of Public Safety is to monitor off-campus incidents of which students should be aware.

Starting this Tuesday, the Shuttle Van will be picking up students from Van Wylen library every half-hour, 6 p.m. to 2 a.m., and circulating around campus. This van will serve Van Wylen, Van Zoeren, Vander Werf, Peale, Voorhees,

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Haworth set to transform Hope's campus

CARRI TENNANT
campusbeat editor

The last physical barrier to the completion of the Haworth center disappeared as Welmers Cottage inched down College Avenue last summer, and the shell of the huge complex contrasts sharply with the cottages that once lined the street.

But then, Haworth was always intended to change the face of Hope's campus.

"For at least a dozen years, we have had plans to make that side of campus more collegiate," said President John Jacobson. "Our long-range goal, even before we had a clear idea of a conference center, was to unify the block by transforming it into a collegiate area."

Future plans to complete the transformation include removal of Yntema Cottage and the garage that stands next to the old Welmers site. The project will be finished off with the addition of landscaping and shrubs off College Avenue around the Admissions House.

Construction on the complex was

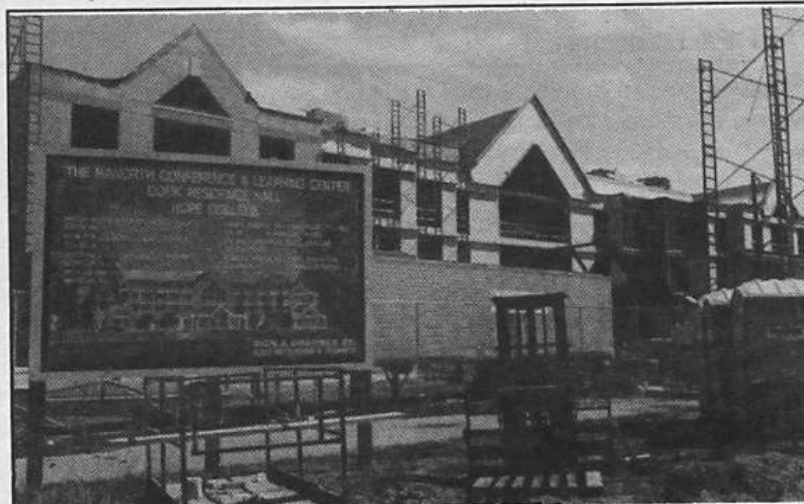
delayed by the exceptionally cold weather last spring, pushing the opening of the Haworth Center back from Nov. 1, 1996 to Jan. 1, 1997. Cook Residence Hall is still scheduled to open in May of 1997.

Besides hosting summer conferences, the Haworth Center will provide additional student housing and will also serve as an overflow dining facility during peak Phelps hours.

"The Center will ease some pressure on the entire College community," Jacobson said. "One of the things we want to do is to have the dining hall open for students during the most crowded hours in Phelps, and certainly on special occasions such as parents' weekends and Homecoming."

The opening of the Cook Residence Hall, according to Jacobson, will be accompanied by the elimination of student housing in the Centennial Park Apartments.

"Centennial Park has been very useful to us, but it is just not up to Hope standards," Jacobson said. "The Cook Residence Hall would make up for the 90 students cur-



Anchor photo by Zach Johnson

ON THE RISE: The shell of the Haworth Center looms over the northern edge of campus. It is set to open Jan. 1.

rently housed at Centennial Park and make room for 90 additional students."

There are no current plans to build additional residence hall facilities, according to Jacobson, because the enrollment cap will stabilize growth.

Although no decision has been made, the administration has dis-

cussed making some dining areas available for community use.

"One or more of the dining facilities might conceivably be opened to the Holland community. It's an idea that has been talked about," Jacobson said. "It would also be a good place to hold wedding receptions for graduates and friends of Hope College."

Double the money

Hope spends twice the bucks on overdue cottage repairs

CARRI TENNANT
campusbeat editor

Many Hope students were in for a pleasant surprise last weekend, moving into their new homes to find cottages refurbished with new paint, furniture, carpeting, linoleum, and appliances. Summer renovations totaled \$407,000.

Of that \$407,000, an estimated \$87,000 went into cosmetic repair of cottages, roughly double the expenditure of last summer. The remainder was spent moving Welmers Cottage and remodeling Stryker Cottage, formerly "Cooper Street Pier," and Yonkersma (Arcadian) Cottage.

Some of the repairs were to cottages that sustained moving damages in the summer of 1995 and had not been repaired last summer.

However, some suggest that some of the cottage maintenance problems are a result of poor treatment by students, and that student initiative in cleaning and upkeep is an important factor in the long-run living conditions there.

"I really stress that students need to take care of the house. It's like renting a house from the college. Leaving a messy, dirty house is not

an option," said Shelly Spencer, Cottage RD. "The Arcadian Cottage, for example, was absolutely trashed. There were spindles ripped out of the banisters, the door was destroyed, and their I guessed their carpet to be 35 years old when they'd only had it for three years."

"There is a lot of traffic in and out of my house too, with meetings, RAs and RDs, but that doesn't mean it has to be trashed. My carpet won't age 35 years in three."

Physical Plant received kudos from many for their summer efforts.

"I have never seen so many improvements in one summer," said Derek Emerson, Director of Housing and Judicial Affairs. "Jerry Rademaker (Associate Director of the Physical Plant) just kept finding more things to do in cottages."

"Last year, our carpet was so old that parts of it were completely worn away, but now we have excellent, brand-new carpeting, new grass behind the house, and a repaved driveway," said Ann Barry '98, RA of the Deutches Haus.

The decision to make such extensive cottage repairs was made as a result of a student survey conducted last spring. Cottage residents expressed concerns that their houses

were not being well maintained. Rademaker then went house-to-house, compiling and prioritizing with each RA a list of maintenance improvement needs and listening to student complaints.

"That had never been done before," Spencer said. "[Rademaker] really took the initiative in meeting with every cottage RA and going to every house. He really listened to people's gripes."

The work, however, is by no means finished.

"Unfortunately, the improvements did not affect our cottage," said Olivia Welch ('97). "We had requested painting on the outside of our house, but Physical Plant decided they didn't have enough money to do it."

More improvements will follow next summer.

"It's a process, and obviously one that costs a lot of money. Things like this have to be done in installments," Emerson said.

"We just tried to hit the [cottages] with the most need," Rademaker said. "There are a couple that are really in need of some more work, and we will be doing a lot more improvements next summer. We just took a big bite out of it."



UP IN SMOKE: Firefighters scramble to extinguish a fire in Crispell Cottage last July. A lighted candle started the blaze, which destroyed the cottage. It was later razed.

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group, and we have to fit in with what the policy is."

However, she emphasized that the 60-year tradition would not just go up in smoke. "We will do something [with candles] because it is tradition. Perhaps the girls can fill the glasses with candy and just hand out the candles outside that night."

No proposal has so far been submitted to the administration or the Nykerk Committee.

The policy will not affect Hope administrative or office buildings, where candles could possibly be stored for traditional ceremonies.

"[The policy] is a change, and that's always hard to work with at first," Emerson said. "But it does not have to end these traditions."

Hope Director of Health and Safety Jerry Gunnick urges preventative caution to avoid fires. Gunnick inspects cottages and residence halls periodically to look for fire, health, and safety hazards. If hazards remain unchanged, Gunnick can execute a write-up.

"I'm not doing that to punish students," Gunnick said. "I'm doing that to be safe." Gunnick stresses the importance of developing a fire escape plan for every cottage, and ensuring that escape routes are available, especially from the second floor.

How not to torch your house

- **Don't silence those smoke detectors**
 - Use a fan to blow away steam
 - Call Public Safety to relocate detectors
- **Keep attics and furnace rooms clear**
 - Items stashed in these areas can ignite fires
- **Leave the grill at home**
 - Both charcoal and gas grills are prohibited
- **Avoid "spider webs" of electrical cords**
 - Don't route wires across doorways
 - "Piggybacked" cords can spark fires
- **Don't cover wires with carpet or tape**
 - Faulty insulation could ignite coverings
- **Allow for escape routes**
 - Contain room overflow that blocks halls or stairs
- **Use caution while cooking**
 - Don't leave lighted stoves and ovens unattended

campus briefs

Pull rallies to rock campus

Rallies to drum up recruits for this year's Pull will kick off today and tomorrow on campus.

The Pull, a 99-year tradition at Hope College, is a three-hour tug-of-war between the freshman and sophomore classes that stretches across the Black River each September.

The Pull is contested between Odd Year and Even Year, which refers to the graduation years of the participants and their coaches, who are members of the junior and senior classes.

The high-intensity event features former participants recounting their experiences with the Pull.

Sophomores will powwow today at 7 p.m. in Winants Auditorium (Graves Hall).

'99 Pull coaches are seniors Ross Vrieze, Jeff Holwerda, Bill Dreyer, and Zach Johnson. The Morale team is headed by seniors Dano Hop, Kim Eckert, and Stacy Longstreet.

Interested frosh will gather tomorrow at 7 p.m., also in Winants Auditorium (Graves Hall).

The '00 Pull team is led by juniors Andy Sill, Andy Wright, Dan Capps, Dan Shelley, and Dave Schrier. Moraleers are coached by juniors Megan Gaither, Lara Plewka, and Cori Freudenburg.

Residents combat cottage isolation

CARRI TENNANT
campusbeat editor

Along with the crush of RAs that flooded campus last week were six Residential Life staffers with new titles: Cottage Coordinators.

This will be the first year that the 60 cottages will be divided into six "neighborhoods," each of which has an assigned Cottage Coordinator to act as an intermediary between the RD, Shelly Spencer, and the individual RAs.

"The position was created because of the growing numbers, the enormity of the cottage program," said Julie Goebel, Director of Residential Life.

"The Cottage Coordinators will divide up supervisory responsibilities for the cottages," Spencer said. "I would be overwhelmed with the supervision of 60-plus RAs and over 400 residents. This way, I can

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Graves, and Dimnent Chapel. Another van will be available on call as in the past to service the other areas of campus. If the new west campus shuttle is successful, plans are to expand the service second semester to include a similar East Campus shuttle departing from the DeWitt Center every half hour. With the extra manpower, there will be an officer patrolling campus during the day, and officers rather than students will be manning the information center 7 days a week from 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. When Ray Gutknecht, Director of Public Safety, retired earlier this year, Terpstra was promoted from the Assistant Director position. This position was cut from the payroll and the two new officer positions were created. The department will not employ student officers as in previous years. Public Safety also traded its old vehicles for two new Intrepids to patrol the campus area, according to their regular replacement schedule.

know what's going on in all the neighborhoods."

The new Cottage Coordinators will also fill a need for more community development in cottages. "Before, even though cottage programming was done, it wasn't serving all of the needs," Spencer said. "There could be two cottages next door to each other and the residents would not even know each others' names. Hopefully, that will be alleviated this year with the neighborhoods. Residents will know and help each other."

This goal will be achieved through close contact between Cottage Coordinators and RAs at the neighborhood level.

"We hope to really bring the neighborhood together, and to make it more residential. We will be planning more events together to unite the neighborhoods," said Jackie Chapman '96, Cottage Coordinator.

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Dave Clausen

Without a Net

I was driving home in early August when I heard it.

I listened as the broadcaster said America Online (AOL) had crashed. The world's biggest online company fell Aug. 7 for 19 hours, leaving AOL's 6 million customers in utter darkness and despondency.

Chat rooms and home pages on AOL went black worldwide leaving Net surfers grounded and probably closing out their entire schedule for the next 19 hours. I cracked a smile at the news. My skepticism of the Internet was affirmed by the computer disaster. To me, it was an apocalyptic omen of the system's eventual doom.

Are users getting tangled in their own net?

The fact is Internet is slowly but surely being pushed to the point of overload.

With weak security, an overwhelming amount of traffic, and a steadily growing population of users, the Net is closing in on itself.

Now, I know what the techies out there are saying:

"All of the problems can be solved with some upgrades to the system and regulation of traffic."

Sure, more software, more hardware, more fiber optics. But the more systems they install, the greater the proliferation of users, and supply will never exceed demand.

Perhaps I just have a fatalistic view of computing in society, but a worldwide

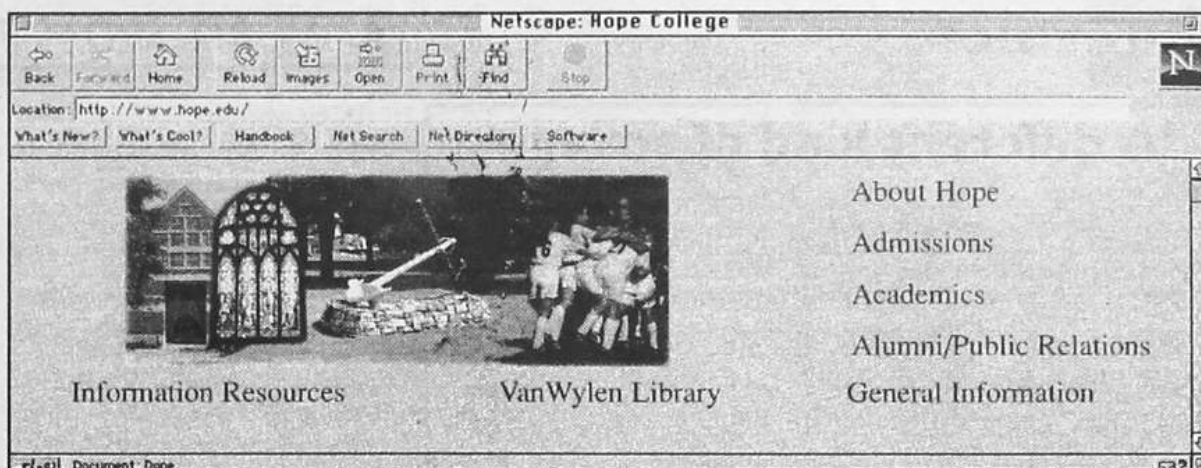
computer system which consumes so much data and traffic will only grow more complicated and congested than the ability of the technicians that control it.

This means people will consistently place their trust and time in a system that is doomed to failure. The next thing you know the system on which half the world depends for its information will crash on a cataclysmic level, sending the global community into confusion.

Maybe that's a little far-fetched, but I sincerely believe there is inherent danger in depending on an information system that is already showing signs of its demise.

Relying on the Internet's system breeds introverted shut-ins who sit in front of their computers all day instead of getting out and pretending that they are actually members of society. *Businessweek* documented the story of an Internet junkie who, after spending five hours searching for data on the Net, got in his car and drove to the library, where he found the data on microfilm in less than an hour.

Bottom line: we need to take a serious look into what extent we are submerging our lives into the Internet and just how healthy this relationship is. The dangers of an Internet-based faith are real. We would be a lot better off avoiding the snare of the Net entirely.



graphic courtesy of CIT

WEBBING OUT: Hope College's WWW page is visited by over 300 people a day.

Surfing into 2000

CIT sweeps campus with massive technology upgrades

DAVE CLAUSEN
infocus editor

Summer, the vacation season, a time to wind down from the trials of the rest of the year. But summer at the department of Computing and Information Technology (CIT) was anything but a vacation. Shortly after the end of the last school year, CIT set to work revamping Hope's computer system following two semesters of breakdowns and general student frustration.

Much of the past school year was punctuated by cries of protest for improvements on Hope's network when papers and projects were lost forever as computers froze or crashed, once for over eight hours. System errors inundated an already backlogged and understaffed CIT with repair requests.

To combat the computer crisis, in January the Board of Trustees approved the allocation of funds to start the Campus Technology Fund. This called for \$100 to be set aside from each student's tuition to be used by CIT to "provide an excellent technology value for the students' money," according to CIT's Summer Technology Campaign report.

CIT's plan began in earnest in May, taking on six fronts of improvement: the World Wide Web, a campus-wide info system called KnowHope, computer labs, faculty/staff computing, a service for Hope students with personal computers called ConnectHope, Hope's phone system, and campus network infrastructure.

Working through the summer to ensure changes would be in place to take on the fall onslaught of computer users, CIT created six new computer labs, providing each residence hall with its own lab and made various upgrades to strengthen the system as a whole,

including an increase in fiber optics to transfer data around campus and more efficient hardware to get it there faster.

"Hope College can really have bragging rights that we have a computer lab in every residence hall," said Carl Heideman, Director of CIT. "Very few colleges can say that."

In addition to the new labs, CIT expanded the size of the labs in Dykstra, Kollen, and Phelps halls.

All in all there is a total of 190 computers available in non-departmental areas and 20 more to be installed in the library before the second semester.

To deal with last year's problems with Hope's file server, the system with the habit of swallowing students' work without warning, CIT replaced the two computers controlling it with three new ones, which have the necessary capacity to handle the increased student usage that overwhelmed the previous file server.

"We've done a number of things so that as things grow, we'll have excess capacity to handle it," Heideman said.

A newer, faster VAX system was also installed to provide for the growing usage of the World Wide Web and Internet.

Staffing needs led CIT to hire one new full time worker and change the role of its student employees.

Their roles are now broken up into two types: the residential computing consultant (RCC) and the lab

monitor.

The RCC is responsible for dealing with technical problems while the lab monitor is more of a lab maintenance person.

Responding to the growth in use of the World Wide Web system, CIT purchased a powerful new computer to act as a WWW server and expanded campus access to every lab.

Students who have their own computers and want to surf the Net from their rooms can now access it through the ConnectHope system. This gives them access to Hope's network as well as the Internet.

ConnectHope is used in two ways: either as ConnectHope Ethernet, a direct, high-speed connection to the campus network available in Durfee, Gilmore, Phelps, and Voorhees; or as ConnectHope PPP, which is a slower, mo-dem connection to the network available to all on and off-campus students.

Previously impossible, students can now access the WWW from their rooms through ConnectHope.

Realizing that many Hope students get their news about the outside world by reading the headlines in the newspaper dispensers in Phelps, CIT developed the campus-wide information system KnowHope.

This provides information to interested students on national news, Hope news, local weather, food service menus, campus schedules, Ride Exchange, Hope sports, Where of Hope, Marketplace and electronic mail and phone directories.

"We're hoping that it's a way for students to be a little more in touch with the world," Heideman said.

CIT will spend the coming weeks keeping an eye on the changes that they've just implemented. There will be problems but "complications are always inevitable," said Rebecca Van Dyke, Project Coordinator at CIT. "Technologies are never one hundred percent reliable."

While it may take some time to get the bugs out of the system, Heideman is confident in its stability for the coming year.

"The first week may be touch and go," he said. "We feel real comfortable that we're going to have things ready this year."

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—Carl Heideman
Director of CIT



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- College East Apts
- Lichty Hall
- Van Vleck Hall
- Voorhees Hall

•More terminals for your buck

- Increased number of computers in Dykstra, Kollen, & Phelps

•Making the WWW more available

- 76 new Pentiums in Lubbers, VanWylen, Kollen, & Phelps

•A different Apple a day

- With 30 Macintoshes in VanWylen, Van Zoeren, & Peale students can take a bite out of a different Apple each day for a month.

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'A different kind of college'

Creating a slogan is tricky. You want the right amount of flair, so people don't forget it. You need it to roll off the tongue, so people will say it. It's got to be catchy, without sounding cheesy.

So hats off to the folks at orientation, who in aping the Saturn Car Company slogan for Orientation '96 hit the nail right on the head.

Hope is "a different kind of college."

While the Orientation directors sacrificed summer sleep to make the frosh feel welcome, those at Public Safety were creating new foot patrols to increase officer visibility following student requests. They hashed it out into the wee hours to figure a new way to let students feel safer.

They could have continued with last year's methods, and the Class of 2000 would still have come. But they wanted to make things better. Because Hope is a different kind of college.

Jerry Rademaker at Physical Plant transformed his role as assistant director into a quasi-building inspector. He visited cottage after cottage following student concern that the residences were sometimes neglected. He saw to the installation of carpet, linoleum, appliances. Of the 61 College-owned cottages, 41 saw summer improvements.

Students would still have lived in run-down cottages without the upgrades. But Rademaker and company wanted to make things better. Because Hope is a different kind of college.

Living in a cottage or apartment can be liberating and alienating. Free from residence hall hassles, students can stretch out into their own living rooms, their own kitchens. Still, many feel cut off from the campus community.

To increase connectedness, Student Development created Cottage Coordinators, who will work to create a sense of community within their "neighborhoods."

The students who felt cut off would probably have stayed in their housing. The College didn't have to promote these neighborhoods. But they wanted to make living in those places better. Because Hope is a different kind of college.

What other school has academic planners with spaces for profs' phone numbers? Where is another school that's willing to spend \$87,000 in one summer upgrading student living quarters without the prompting of a student revolt? Kudos to an institution that has shown its commitment to making things better.

Hope is a different kind of college.

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR...

This is where the Editor-in-Chief gets the chance sermonize, where she says "This is your newspaper, so please, give us feedback! Send us letters to the editor! Don't just tell your roommate, tell us!"

But I won't insult your intelligence that way.

Of course you know you must speak up to be heard.

Of course you need to tell us how we're doing so we can do it better.

Of course you, a literate college type, can hardly prevent your civic urges from interfering with your study time and making you a weekly contributor to the Opinion page.

So these are bases I don't need to cover.

But what *The Anchor* staff will cover this year is you.

We're a fresh crop of staffers with enthusiasm to spare.

We want to give you the scoop — the complete scoop — be it about the latest in athletics on the Sports page or campus crime in the Campus section, to student profiles in Spotlight or different church reviews in the Religion section.

Each section is out to make your student existence an informed one.

Did I just say Religion section? Why, yes, I did. This year, *The Anchor* will boast a new weekly section devoted to religious life at Hope College. Look to it to hear everything from what's up in the Keppel House to profiles of students who celebrate Ramadan. The section will be about Hope, all of Hope, and we look forward to shaping it into a campus favorite.

The faces on staff and a new section aren't all that's new here.

Meet Tim Boudreau, an assistant professor of Communication who



Jodi McFarland

just hightailed it up here from Southern Illinois University. He's wrapping up his doctorate in Journalism from there this year. This is his first advising position, so we promise to break him in gently.

The Anchor hits the stands in time for dinner each Wednesday. We're located in bins throughout campus, including Phelps Dining Hall and the DeWitt Center. We pledge to bring you all of what's up, why it's up, how it got up and who put it up. So pick us up, and make us a regular part of your Wednesday routine.



Anchor photo by Zach Johnson

RIGHT BACK AT YA: The Anchor staff, from left: top row, Dave Schrier, Becky Hollenbeck, Michelle Piel, Arin Neucks, Amy-Lynn Halverson, Matt Morgan; middle row, Carrie Tennant, Jodi McFarland, Kim Powell, Dave Clausen, Glyn Williams; bottom row, Zach Johnson. Not pictured: Matt Sterenberg.

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A Different Kind Of Class

Latest crop of frosh takes Hope into next century

Spirited OA's provide first link to campus life

KIM POWELL
spotlight editor

Being an on the orientation staff requires more than donning matching tees and shorts. And while OA's are notorious for teaching new students icebreakers like "skin the snake" and "the human knot," there is more to being an OA than summer camp games.

OA's are the first contact new students have on campus.

"As soon as you know somebody you feel tied to the place," said Anne Bakker-Gras, Director of Student Activities.

Days can be long for an OA, especially when not everyone appreciates their efforts.

"It's not an easy job. A lot of people think the activities are stupid," said Steve Bovenkerk ('97), Orientation Co-Director.

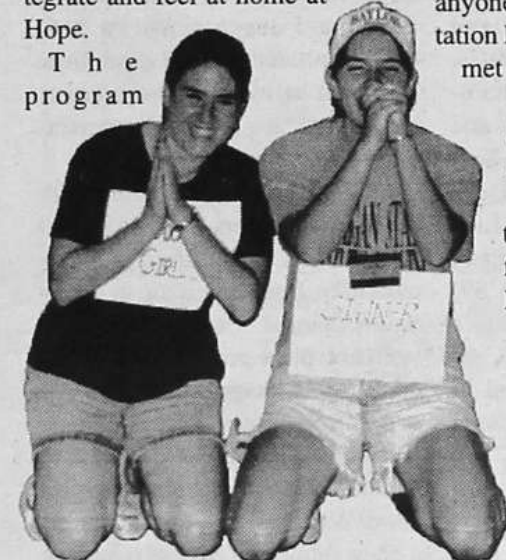
While some of the games get a thumbs down from students, nobody complains when OA's help move all the new students in, points out Jen Grieme ('97), Orientation Co-Director.

The hours of preparation were many and the perks of moving in early quickly wear off. The satisfaction of welcoming another class to Hope is what made it worth all the hard work, OA's said.

The 123-member orientation staff went through an intensive week-long training program that kept them busy from sunup till sundown.

The program is designed to teach OA's how to help new students integrate and feel at home at Hope.

The program



SINNER & SAINT:
Sarah Richards ('98) and Kate Reed ('98) beg for the mercy of the Orientation gods at OA Olympics.

begins with learning to facilitate discussion with a group of strangers and ends with OA's themselves practice tying and untying the human knot.

One of the most difficult tasks is learning to be sensitive to diversity and respect the fact that students are coming from different backgrounds with different ideas, according to OA Erin Troxter ('99).

"Someone in a group may say a comment that someone else in the group finds offensive without realizing it," Bovenkerk said. "The OA needs to be accepting of diversity."

Every OA has a different reason for volunteering their time to the cause.

Bovenkerk remembers his first moments on campus.

"I remember it being 95 degrees and trying to move everything in," said Bovenkerk. "When you are a new student and all the OA's are there to help move you in it makes a difference."

Bovenkerk felt cut off from campus after spending last spring participating in an off-campus internship program. He thought the best way to integrate back into the Hope community was to spend the summer preparing to welcome the class of 2000.

OA team Jennifer LaBell ('99) and Troxter signed up because they had such a good OA experience themselves.

"That's where we met and became friends," LaBell said. "I didn't know anyone and she didn't know anyone. If it hadn't been for orientation I probably never would have met her."

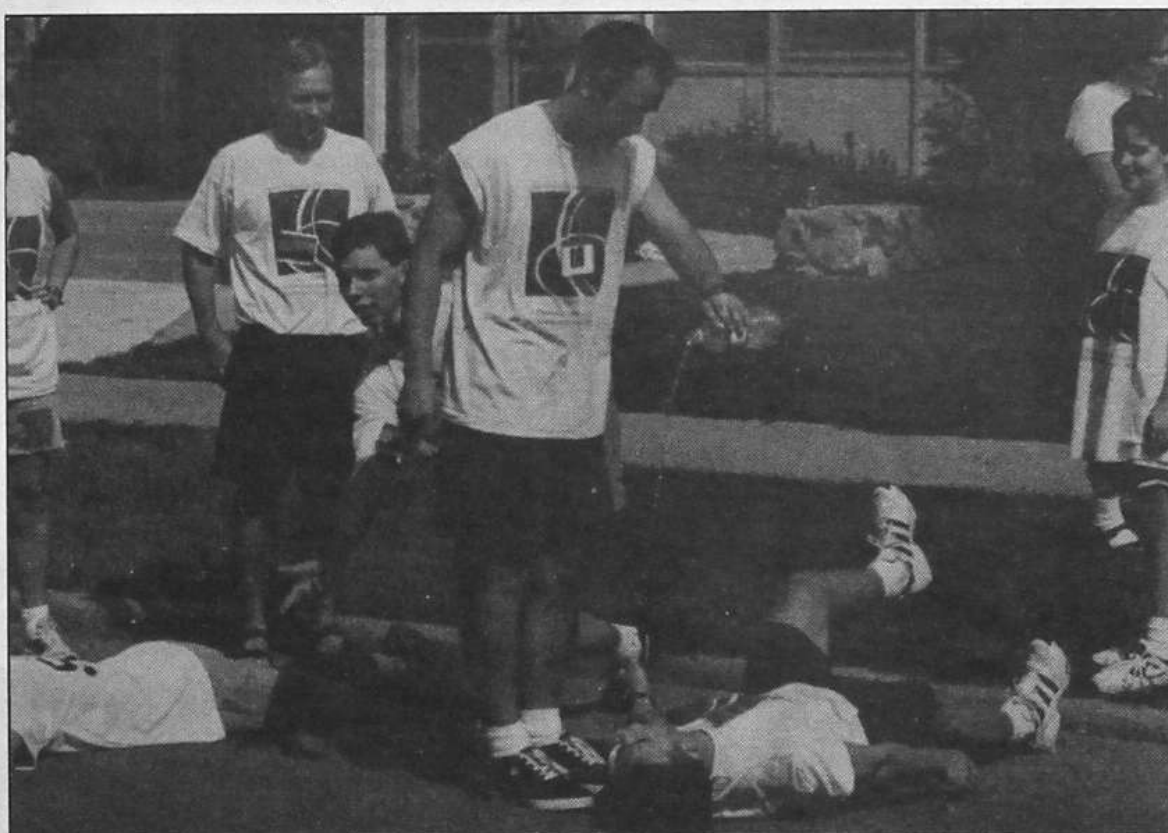
For Kate Horjus ('99) and Stephanie Gebhardt ('99) it is a matter of pride.

"We like Hope so much that we want to show (the freshmen) everything," Horjus said.

Elizabeth Davidson ('99) claims it's a great way to meet new people, both freshman and fellow OA's.

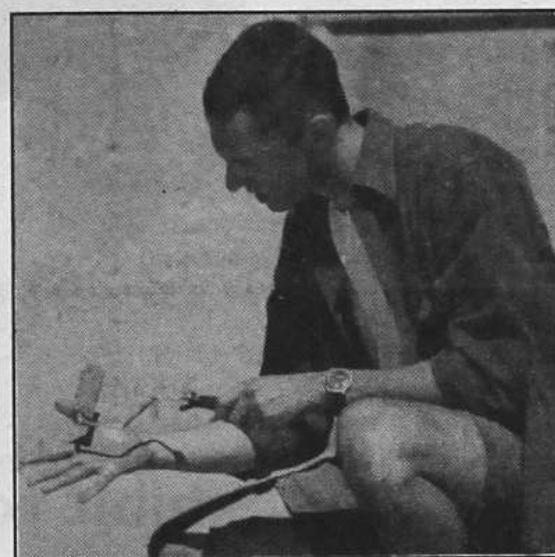
Not anyone can be an OA. The qualifications are few, but specific.

"You must be knowledgeable about Hope, enthusiastic about Hope, and love Hope," Bovenkerk said.

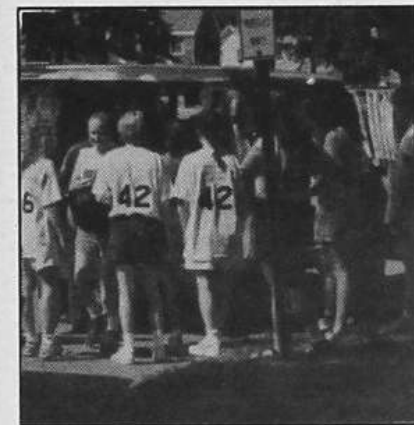


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BIG GULP: Rob Doering ('97) douses his fellow OA Kevin Edlefson ('98) while onlookers Josh Schicker ('99), Mike Thelen ('98), and Julie Patout ('98) take a break from moving freshmen into Gilmore Hall.



CAUGHT REDHANDED: A freshman (above) paints his hand, outside the DeWitt Center, making ready to add his mark to the giant canvas of hand and foot prints that was displayed in the Pine Grove. Sunday. OA's (below) lend a hand, unloading the worldly possessions of a thankful frosh in front of Cosmopolitan Hall.



Fresh Factoids

Better catch 'em quick:

There are 270 new men this fall, while first-year women dominate the campus with 412

Home is where the heart is:

75% of first year students are from The Great Lakes State

Smarter than the average bear:

Cumulative GPA of incoming students is 3.55

Forking out the big bucks:

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—Leslie Merriman ('99)



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—Dave Fleming ('99)



"We'll be the first class to have to put a '2' in front of all our checks."

—Paul Vanderlaan ('99)

English Dept. ropes in up-and-coming writer

MATT MORGAN
intermission editor

Pinckney Benedict sits in a bare-shelved office preparing syllabi, surrounded by paper-strewn desks. His new job at Hope has kept him hopelessly busy and unable to move anything but the necessities into his new office. Benedict, the latest recruit into the English department, comes highly respected.

"I was involved in the search committee that brought him in," said Rueben Ellis, Hope English professor. "He is one of the most recognized and promising young writers today. We are very impressed, and are happy to have him."

Since his graduation from Princeton in '86, the highly regarded writer and teacher has published two collections of short stories, a novel, articles

for several periodicals and is currently featured in the magazine *George*.

He has written numerous book reviews, and has collaborated with a friend on a musical adaptation of the novel *The Scarlet Letter*.

This semester he will teach two fiction writing workshops while finishing his second novel. Benedict would like to add a new writing course for the spring semester: play and screen writing for feature and short film, but the class will also be relevant for television writing.

Benedict became interested in film when a British film-making company purchased the rights to *Dogs of God*. After being introduced to the business and witnessing the film making process first hand, he plans to begin work on some screenplays.

The freedom he has to pursue the things he greatly enjoys factored heavily in his decision to come to teach at Hope.

"I feel remarkably fortunate for a school like Hope to allow me to do the two things I love — write and teach."

Benedict enjoys teaching young writers because he was an undergraduate himself when he decided to make writing his own calling.

"I like teaching undergraduates," Benedict said, "I like Hope because it truly is a teaching institution."

Raised without television, Benedict began reading for entertainment as a child.

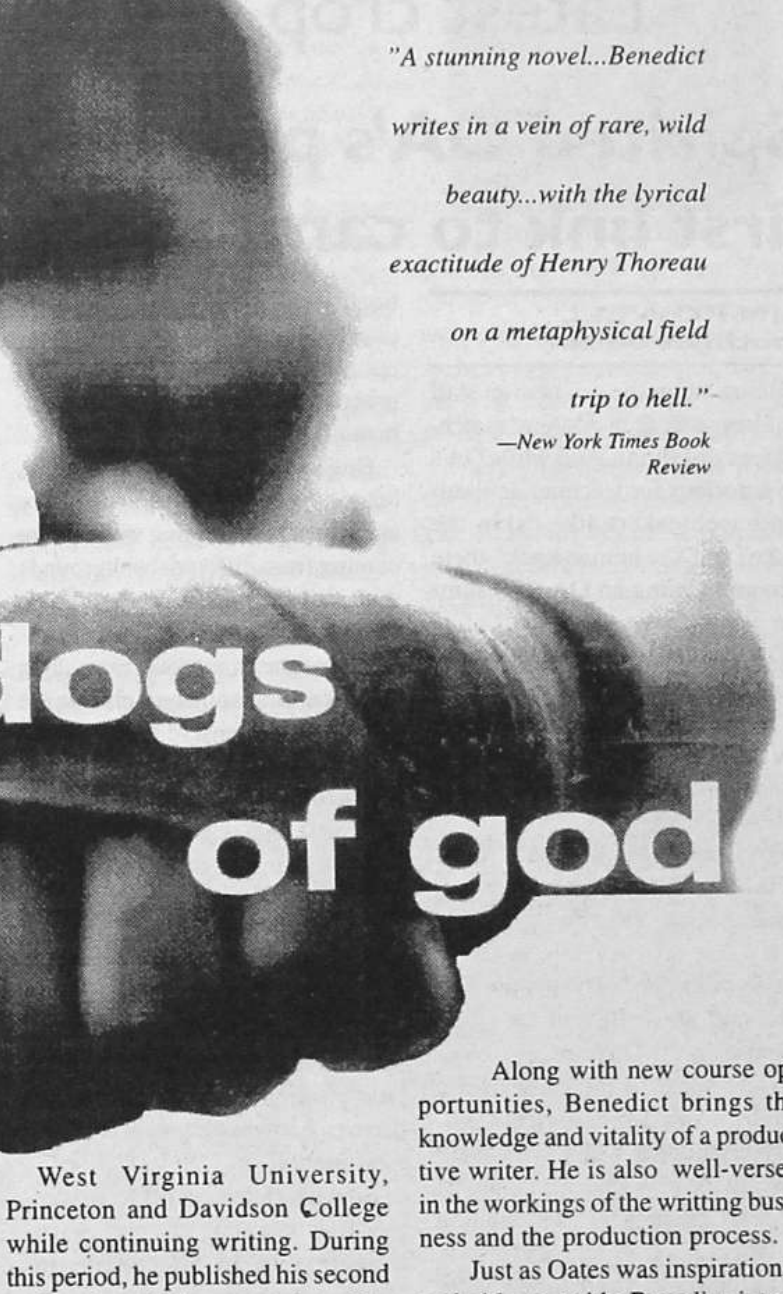
"Luckily my parents owned many books," Benedict said, "so I developed a love for reading at a very early age."

An early love of reading led to an early love of words, so, upon arrival at Princeton, he enrolled in fiction writing workshops.

With exposure to and direction from successful writers like Joyce Carol Oates, he discovered the approachability of published authors and realized writers are real people, not just people who "live on the 100th floor of some building in Manhattan."

His senior thesis, a collection of short stories entitled *Town Smokes* was immediately published.

After grad school, he began teaching at numerous colleges and universities including Oberland,



"A stunning novel...Benedict writes in a vein of rare, wild beauty...with the lyrical exactitude of Henry Thoreau on a metaphysical field

trip to hell."

—New York Times Book Review

Along with new course opportunities, Benedict brings the knowledge and vitality of a productive writer. He is also well-versed in the workings of the writing business and the production process.

Just as Oates was inspirational and able to guide Benedict into a successful career while he was in school, Benedict will complement the rest of the English staff and be inspirational in aiding aspiring writers.

West Virginia University, Princeton and Davidson College while continuing writing. During this period, he published his second collection of short stories, *The Wrecking Yard*, and wrote book reviews for such highly regarded newspapers as the *Chicago Tribune*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, and the *Boston Globe*.

Art exhibit to expose the human body

K. VANWYK
staff reporter

Exhibition "Figure 4: Alumni Invitational" is the genesis of the Art Department's most recently established program. The plan is designed to host a series of periodic group shows featuring a diverse group of the department's alumni.

Upcoming exhibits are intended to demonstrate alumni work and provide the public with a chance for more in-depth analysis of the artists' craft.

Based on submitted slides, four

artists were selected for their works' attributes, compatibility, and degree of excellence. The artists, spanning an average of three decades and hailing from four different states, will converge to initiate this tradition beginning Monday, Aug 26 and continuing on through Sunday, Sept 29. Esther Luttikhuisen ('73) is from Seattle, Washington; Lisa Rietveld ('83) is from Saint Paul, Minnesota; Laurene Warren ('89) is from Grand Rapids; and Laura Wyss ('91) is from New York City.

The artists have differed in their professional and educational

choices since graduation from Hope, but all have dedicatedly persisted in furnishing their personal vision and development in both their art production and exhibition. This will be evident as the artists illustrate their personal interpretations of the human form.

"Figure 4" deals mainly with the theme of human structure and composition, either directly or circuitously, figuratively or in a verbatim manner. Luttikhuisen's installation piece probes into abstract concepts of image and identity by projecting slides of doll parts. Rietveld's paintings depict and summon forth the analogy of childhood. Warren's sculptures manifest a more subtle and elusive reference to the human form, while Wyss paints embellished human interior structures which are projected onto a human body and methodically photographed.

The public is invited to stretch any of their premeditated and myopic illusions about the human figure. Exhibition "Figure 4" will be held at the De Pree Art Center, located at the corner of 12th street and Columbia Avenue. The gallery will be open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with additional hours beginning in September. Please call 395-7500 for more information. All are beckoned to attend the reception for the artist on Friday, September 6, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is free.

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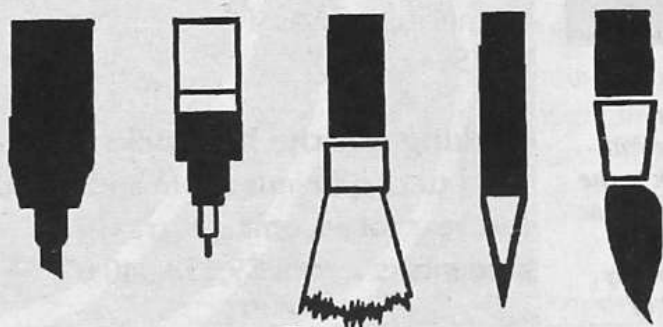
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To the Zoo, thanks for the lovin' and support. I'm lookin' forward to my wall of fame.

millet man: i'm countin the days.

It's Elk season, Baby... And I'm goin' huntin' this weekend. Caribou.

Hey Forehand: The lights were out, and I thought no one was home but I heard giggles. Oh yes, I heard giggles.

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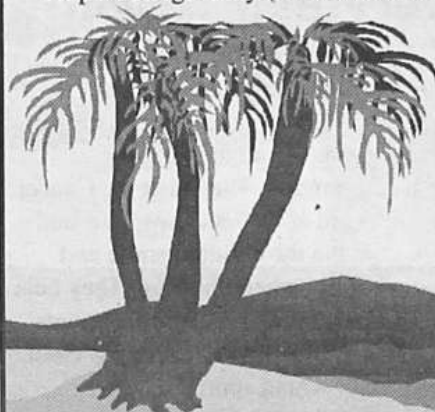
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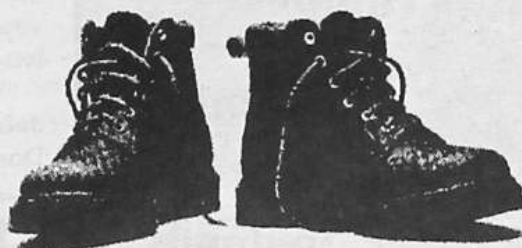
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Do not expect the very competent and very attractive Hannah Storm to show your highlights unless you win. If you get the bronze, you might as well go home with some RC Cola, your Hot 'N' Now hamburger, and wallow in loserville.

It is completely bogus, man. There was a gaggle of athletes at the Olympics this year and if you finished second or third you are still cooler than Elvis, and that says a lot in my book of life.

The often misquoted Vince Lombardi said, "Winning isn't everything but wanting to win is." That's good stuff, hombre.

Gymnastics was moderately depressing for me to watch this year because it really makes you ask yourself what you've done with your life. Kerri Strug is, like, 18, and she is an Olympic gold medalist. Dominique Moceanu is roughly 12 years old and she is on top of the world. What were we doing at age 12? Watching the *Dukes of Hazard*, wearing yellow polo shirts and

playing Donkey Kong, that's where we were.

These kids are stars, heroes, Gods for all the budding gymnasts. They visit the Cancer ward at the local hospitals and make the children smile and forget where they are. They beat the crap out of their opponents' knee caps with lead pipes (wait, no, wrong sport).

Where do they have to go from here? Back home to a "normal" life of taking out the trash, eating Corn Flakes, and practicing their cursive? Then what at age 32? A commentator sitting right there next to the all knowing, all powerful, Yanni-esque John Tesh? It's kind of sad, really.

It fully makes you look back at your life and think about how little you have done with it compared to these youngens. In the future, in our minds, when we think about Strug, Moceanu, and the other child gymnasts the mental picture will be of a kid. All of them with college, perhaps high school, still ahead of them. At this time in their lives they do no wrong. Kids. What's the matter with kids today? Why can't they be like we were, inferior in every way?

Spikers set for MIAA competition

GLYN WILLIAMS
sports editor

A very productive 25-10 (9-3) record last season was not good enough for the Hope College volleyball team to lead the league and it might not be again this year.

The Dutch lost two All-MIAA first team players, and will return two All-MIAA second teamers, Emily Bakker ('97) and Becky Schmidt ('98) and Elizabeth de Haan ('98), who recieved All-MIAA honorable mention. Bakker was voted to the Great Lakes all-region team and Schmidt was voted

most improved player last season.

Kalamazoo College won the MIAA last season with a perfect league record (12-0) and only had four losses all year long. Losing two senior All-MIAA members and returning two, K-Zoo could be quite possibly be just as good this year as they were last, but by the same token, so could Hope.

Calvin College won't go into the night as easily as the rest of the MIAA might hope; they finished last year tied with Hope at second in the league (9-3).

The Knights will return four All-MIAA members, two of whom are

juniors this year. Hope's first game against them will be home on Sept. 24.

The Dutch have five other returning letter winners in Christie Eding ('98), Jean Kegerreis ('98), Abby Nienhuis ('98), Jenny Petscher ('97), and Kuria Van Wieren ('98).

This year's team consists of mainly freshmen and sophomores, and thus the future for Hope College's volleyball team is bright.

The Dutch start their season this weekend in the Christian Colleges Tournament at Calvin College and their first home match will be against Albion on Sept. 5.



Anchor photo by Zach Johnson

GREAT DEFENSE: A Hope football player attempts to catch the ball while being grabbed from behind in practice. The Flying Dutchmen play their first game on Saturday, Sept. 7, against Valparaiso. Look for a preview of the season in next week's Anchor.

Soccer preps for long season in the sun

GLYN WILLIAMS
sports editor

Both soccer teams have an uphill battle this season, as each graduated very key players, and the rest of the league will provide some mighty stiff competition.

The men's team is attempting to become the first team in MIAA history to three-peat as the MIAA champion, but the lack of an experienced goalkeeper will possibly hinder their hopes for a successful season.

Departed goalkeeper Aaron Angeli ('96) was considered one of the best goalkeepers ever to grace Hope's campus. His 56 saves and 11 goals allowed was good enough to place him on the first team All-MIAA and the NSCAA/Umbro Division III third team All-America last season.

"Well, we lost a lot of good defenders," fullback Chris Dombrowski ('98) said. "The

goalie position is up in the air because we have some good freshmen on the team and nothing is set in stone."

The probable stars of this year's team are last season's MIAA MVP and third team All-American John Conlon ('97), first team All-MIAAer Geoff Rodocker ('97), and second team All-MIAA member Chris Riker ('98). Rodocker led the league in goals scored with 11.

"Alma (12-4, 9-3) will be very good this year," Dombrowski said. "They should have made the tournament last year but they blew their last game against Calvin (9-9-1, 5-6-1). All they had to do was win or tie, and they lost."

Hope's women's soccer team will have to hurdle over Calvin in order to win the MIAA this year. The Knights won the league last season with an undefeated overall record (17-0-1) and will return their leading scorer and assist-maker, who is a sophomore this year. Also, Calvin

will return six All-MIAA players, only one of which were on the second team.

Hope only had one member of the All-MIAA team, Tina Gill ('99), who made the second team. Lindsay Williams ('99) recieved an honorable mention on the All-MIAA team.

This could be part of a rebuilding year, as the Flying Dutch have only two seniors on the squad, Tracy Phelps ('97) and Leah McAlpine ('97). Phelps is close to becoming the all-time leading career goal-scorer in Hope College history. She has 30, while the record is 32. Phelps already owns the record for career assists and total points.

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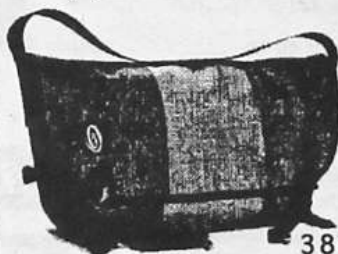
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